

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7115–S7151

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1394–1399, and S. Res. 207. **Page S7138**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, July 2, during the adjournment:

S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 111–35)

S. 1229, to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–36)

S. 1233, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–37)

S. 1391, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

S. 1392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military construction.

S. 1393, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S7138**

Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act: By 67 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 217), Senate passed H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7121–32**

Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 1369 (to Amendment No. 1365), to require expenditures by every Senate office be posted online for the public to review. **Pages S7121–22**

DeMint Amendment No. 1370 (to Amendment No. 1365), to direct the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center. **Pages S7123–24**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 1365, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7121–26**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 215), McCain Amendment No. 1366 (to Amendment No. 1365), to strike the earmark for the Durham Museum in Omaha, Nebraska. **Pages S7121, S7125–26**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against DeMint Amendment No. 1367 (to Amendment No. 1365), to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S7124**

By 70 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 216), Senate determined that the point of order against Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 1365 (listed above), as being in violation of article 1, section 8 and the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution, was not well-taken. **Page S7126**

Senate insisted on its amendment, asks for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Nelson (NE), Inouye, Pryor, Tester, Murkowski, and Cochran. **Page S7132**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Daniel Ginsberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John M. McHugh, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army.

Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

Anthony Marion Babauta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Douglas W. Kmiec, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Earl Michael Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

David H. Thorne, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration. **Page S7151**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Philip Mudd, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on May 4, 2009. **Page S7151**

Messages from the House: **Page S7135**

Measures Referred: **Page S7135**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S7150**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—217) **Pages S7126, S7127**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7150.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 31.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.